

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Fire the superintendent

To the Editor:
The Willits superintendent of schools, Patricia Johnson, should be fired immediately. I have come to this conclusion after reading news reports and talking to teachers and staff. With the recent "no confidence" vote by the teachers, it is time for Patricia Johnson to leave.

It is time for those who care about the Willits schools to get involved and get the Willits schools back on the path of building up and not tearing down.

Paul Futscher, Willits

Soroptimist Phone Book

To the Editor:
It's that time of year again when Soroptimist International of Willits starts working on the 2016 Community Phone Book.

Advertising letters have been sent out, and the Soroptimists eagerly await the community's response. Advertising in the Soroptimist phone book directly helps women and girls in our community by providing them with resources to better their lives. When you advertise in the community phone book, you not only gain exposure for your business, but you are also providing a key element to bettering someone's life in the community. How awesome is that?

This year, Willits Weekly is again offering a bundled advertising program that will allow advertisers to have ads in both the phone book and the newspaper. Willits Weekly is also the main source of distribution for the phone book, by inserting the phone book into most editions of the newspaper in January. This allows easy delivery of 3,000 phone books throughout the community. Another 1,500 phonebooks will be placed at designated areas around town for easy pick-up.

If you wish to become an advertiser this year, the deadline is Sunday, November 15.

Advertising forms can be found at www.si-willits.org, under the "Phone Book" tab.

You can also send in any residential changes to WillitsPhoneBook@gmail.com. The phonebook also offers cell phone listings for those who do not use landlines. All residential changes must be put in writing.

Elizabeth A. Sinofsky, Soroptimist International of Willits

Marijuana

To the Editor:
I am writing this to state my feelings on the legalizing of marijuana. One more time I find myself in the minority, which is getting rather tiresome, actually, especially when I see the direction that this state and country are going.

Whenever I see Colorado coverage, it shows people smoking this drug in public and inferring that it is the best thing since sliced bread. I have been hearing that they are having problems with underage youth using it, surprise!!

It is understood that people want to use it for medical use. I had understood that prescriptions were available from pharmacies, written by medical doctors. Supposedly, the growing of marijuana is illegal, then why are people allowed to grow for their own use? If it is indeed illegal, what is the difference if you are growing 10 plants, or 100? The last time I looked, we were a nation of laws, but like with illegal immigration, it looks like the only laws we obey

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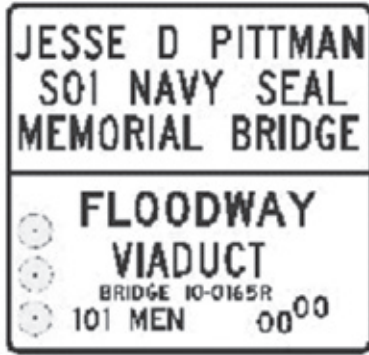
are the ones we happen to agree with, at the moment.

I don't see how making this drug legal will assist our local businesses in hiring people that want to work. The legalization of this drug will send more possible workers to raising this crop. Is this the type of employment we want for our graduating students?

Myself, I would rather see some good manufacturing jobs, where if you work hard you have opportunities for advancement. I don't see that in growing marijuana. Besides, what happens when the market gets saturated? I think that some more studies of what other states that have legalized it are contending with should be analyzed.

The other thing that is bothersome is the fact that the average person will have to suffer with the horrible smell if they are living near where someone is growing. What will happen to property values? If you live where the odor is prevalent and you want to move, who is going to want to buy your property?

Carlin M. Horgor, Willits



Jesse Pittman Memorial Bridge

To the Editor:
On behalf of the Pittman family and myself, I would like to thank Flatiron Construction and Caltrans for their support and generosity. We are so very pleased that Flatiron Construction generously donated the signs for the Jesse Pittman Memorial Bridge. Caltrans offered invaluable support and advice throughout the process of naming the bridge for Jesse.

The support and generosity of Caltrans and Flatiron Construction company means so much to us and to everyone who has supported the dedication of the bridge in honor of Jesse.

This bridge is not only a tribute to our local hero, Jesse Pittman, it also honors all who have given their lives for this great county. It is with immense gratitude that I thank Flatiron Construction and Caltrans for making this recognition a success.

Mikela Cameron, Willits

"Top Ten Business Forum"

To the Editor:
City Hall's Council Chambers were full this past Tuesday morning, September 8, for the first-ever Willits "Top Ten Business Forum." The event, hosted by the Willits Chamber of Commerce, connected executives from Willits' 10 largest employers and local policy makers to discuss the biggest challenges faced by area employers. The second half of the morning focused on identifying possible solutions and resources available to employers in order to help them meet these challenges.

In attendance were executives and owners from seven of the 10 largest employers in Willits: the City of Willits, DripWorks, Metal FX, Microphor, Sparetime Supply, Willits Solid Waste, and Willits Unified School District. Due to scheduling conflicts, executives from Howard Memorial Hospital, Safeway and Windsor Mill were unable to attend.
Also in attendance were three city council members, City Manager Adrienne Moore (also present as an employer), several Chamber of Commerce board members, and representatives from the Mendocino County Workforce Development Board.

While there are many challenges that employers face,

the following were identified by the group as the most pressing: 1) recruitment and retention of qualified employees; 2) drug testing; no local resource and as many as 50 percent of potential candidates do not pass; and 3) housing for employees living and relocating to Willits.

Other issues identified were lack of opportunities/jobs for professional spouses, the sometimes negative perception of Willits schools, the difficulty of matching hourly wages with the county's underground economy, and the difficulty of regulatory compliance.

Representatives of the Mendocino County Workforce Development Board Debbie Holmes and Mike Parkinson expressed appreciation for the forum, where they were able to hear about the issues directly from the employers. Holmes suggested there are ways to create better programs between local schools and employers in order to develop a local workforce more prepared to step into local job offerings and have a successful career with local employers.

Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Epstein shared that at least one Willits medical provider was looking into the feasibility of offering drug testing here in town in order to alleviate the burden for businesses who currently have to send potential employees to Ukiah for drug testing. Employer liability requires some of our top 10 employers to drug test employees who will operate machinery or drive Department of Transportation regulated vehicles.

Other solutions discussed included the creation of an employer-developed list of job skills to present to our local schools, more outreach to local high school and college students about jobs available in Willits, working with local realtors to help newly relocated employees find housing,

and the creation by the Chamber of Commerce of better marketing material to help employers explain the benefits of small-town life to out-of-area job candidates.

At the conclusion of the hour-and-a-half forum, attendees were asked to provide feedback about the event. According to Lynn Kennelly, executive director of the Willits chamber, all but one employer agreed they'd like another forum to continue the discussion. Kennelly added that the overall response was very positive and that all employers present expressed satisfaction with the chamber for hosting the event.

The Willits Chamber of Commerce is planning to create more such events in the near future in order to help our local businesses thrive.

Greta Kanne, for the Willits Chamber of Commerce

Fire relief donations accepted at Savings Bank

To the Editor:
The outpouring of care, concern and action from our local communities in response to the Valley Fire has been heartwarming. Thank you to all the volunteers and firefighters who are working continuously to aid and assist those in need.

To support the fire recovery efforts, Savings Bank of Mendocino County is accepting financial donations on behalf of North Coast Opportunities. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, checks made payable to North Coast Opportunities with Valley Fire on the memo line may be dropped off at any of our 10 branch locations in Lake and Mendocino counties - including the Willits Branch at 145 South Main Street - or mailed to P.O. Box 3600, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Our local bankers encourage those affected by the Valley Fire with financial questions and concerns to call or visit the nearest Savings Bank branch.

"We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our employees who are donating items and making monetary contributions to aid in the fire relief," said Katie Kight, AVP/Marketing Officer. "Our thoughts and support go out to our friends and neighbors who have been affected by the Valley Fire."

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At top, from left: Lacey holds up her print, fresh off the steamroller. Chad Johnson inks the blocks before pressing at the San Francisco Center for the Book printing table. Willits' Nancy Reed works on carving a linoleum block.

Above: Roxie the German shepherd enjoyed touring the Roots yard, and tolerated posing on the antique equipment.

Right: The Roots yard.

Below from left: The Buffalo Springfield steam roller presses a cut block under a thick sheet of carpeting.

Members of the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association show off their antique wares.

The redwood picnic table on display during the live auction; Jim and Jeanie King were the high bidders.

Photos by Maureen Moore



Antique equipment, custom printing and fundraising at annual

Roots Steam-Up

Smoke? Barbecue? Steam?... It was hard to tell what was what, as all three wafted through the air over the Rec Grove Park and Roots of Motive Power work yard over the weekend during Roots' annual steam-up festival.

The two-day event offered the opportunity for attendees to see history in action with the large assortment of steam-powered and antique locomotives, engines and equipment. Members of the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association had antique hit-and-miss motors on display, popping and chugging along the park's pathway. Several antique washing machines, chainsaws, kitchen equipment and other gadgets of years past told tales of life before modern appliances.

Across the street, the Roots of Motive Power crew had their yard filled with tons of operational favorites, and offered rides on the Bluestone Mining Heiser #1.

But there were also some new and restored pieces of equipment including the Marshutz & Cantrell spool donkey from 1899 and the Clyde track layer - both operating for the first time in many years and making their debut at the weekend's event. The spool donkey was restored by the Wednesday-night work crew at the Roots of Motive Power annex building, Baldo Locomotive Works, just off Blosser Lane.

"This year we probably had more pieces of equipment under steam than in years past," explained Roots of Motive Power's Chris Baldo. "We really had a lot going on!"

In the Rec Grove, the auction offered several items to bid on, including the popular redwood picnic table which was eventually won by Jim and Jeanie King. The barbecue gave patrons a chance to get a bite to eat while checking out the surroundings, and many patrons chose to set up a picnic blanket to enjoy their barbecued pork and tri-tip.

In the far corner of the park, the San Francisco Center for the Book set up their printing event again this year, and with the assistance of the Buffalo Springfield steam roller, event attendees were

Read the rest of **Roots** | Over on Page 11

California Indian Day Free Play Giveaway!

September 26

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Vandana Shiva on stage at the Little Lake Grange in Willits.
Photo by Keith Wynar

Global activist Vandana Shiva speaks in Willits

Four hundred people gathered at Little Lake Grange on Labor Day evening to hear world-renowned activist and author Vandana Shiva.

The event, which was a fundraiser for the Charter Project of Mendocino County, was sold out several days in advance.

Shiva made her Willits stop between speaking the two previous days at the Soil, Not Oil Conference in Richmond, California, and making the keynote presentation – as well as taking part in a seed summit and seed heritage panel – at the Santa Rosa Heritage Expo the three days after.

In Willits she stayed on those themes of soil and seeds, pointing out the connections between the “empire” that once colonized her native India and the current empire – Monsanto and other transnational corporations – that have taken “external

control” over our lives. This empire views life as a machine which can be manipulated and controlled, and sees “the soil as an empty container.” This outlook has produced industrialized agriculture, which pours toxins into the earth and engineers seeds so they’re no longer fertile.

Shiva spoke with passion on these subjects. She pointed out that many other scientists have reached a completely different conclusion than the empire’s view, and now speak of “Gaia” – the Earth as a self-organizing body which creates the conditions for life. Seeds to Shiva are an essential component of those conditions – a symbol of fertility, belonging to the commons. She stated: “To destroy seed is a sin.” She called genetic engineering “arrogant” and a “clumsy technology.” She

Read the rest of **Vandana** | Over on Page 11



Boys and Girls State reps report back to American Legion

Willits High School seniors Olivia Cooper and Anthony Sorace were Girls State and Boys State representatives this year from Willits. Both young people attended Tuesday’s American Legion Post 164 meeting to give a brief speech about their experience and to thank their Legion sponsors.

American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are programs for teaching students how government works, while developing leadership skills and an appreciation for their rights as a citizen.

Cooper was introduced first, by Vicki Ham, who lauded her participation in sports and music, and her schedule of all advanced placement classes. “Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to Girls State,” Cooper started off her speech. “Everyone told me it would change my life, I wasn’t sure, but I had a really great time.”

Spending a week learning about government and politics with 500 other “very academic” and “ambitious” girls was exciting. “Some of the girls were very religious, and some were very liberal, but we all came together and compromised,” she said.

Before attending Girls State, Cooper said, “It was all about facts for me. I knew what I knew, and if I didn’t, I wasn’t going to speak up about it, but now I feel like if I have an opinion, I can share it; that’s my opinion and I can stand behind it.”

Cooper, whose mother Dr. Kim Faucher accompanied her to the Legion meeting, would like to attend one of the Claremont schools – Girls State is held at Claremont McKenna. “It was nice to see the campus,” she said. In addition to science and math, Cooper likes to write, and is interested in

animals and astronomy, and she’s not sure yet what career path she might decide to follow.

Anthony Sorace was introduced by Roger Ham as a “well-rounded” candidate for Boys State, with good academics, athletics and involvement in the community. His Boys State week was in Sacramento. He was most impressed by how close the members of his group got to each other: “by the end we really felt like brothers.”

Sorace said he ran for city judge and lost, and he thought, “OK, no big deal, I’ll just be a citizen of the city,” but his counselor Dale Majors pushed him to run for something else, so he ran for state Assembly, and he won. He thought being an assemblyman at Boys State would be fun: “We’re just going to talk about what you do at the Assembly, how you pass bills. But that was not what it was: We actually had to write the bills....”

“I enjoyed Boys State a lot,” Sorace said. “It was one of the best experiences I’ve ever had in my life. The group I was with, you had star athletes, academics, just normal people, which was surprising, you’d think you’d have one end or another, but you have everybody in between. I really loved it. Thank you.”

Sorace was accompanied by his parents, Tony and Melodie Sorace. His number one choice for college in UC Davis, where he wants to study to be a civil engineer.



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In an age of memoirs-turned-movies, it is not uncommon to hear about being in “the right place at the right time.” However, for Robin Chapin Pilatti – artisan behind “Fleece to Garment” – one thing is clear: her introduction to the world of fiber has been more than a happy coincidence. When she sat down to spin for the first time and “got the bug,” she embarked upon an adventure that she compares to the flow of a river, moving with the current instead of pushing upstream.

to be,” and, at present, sells everything from skeins to wet-felted booties to chunks of raw fiber, much of it heirloom varieties that she receives from local shepherdeses. “I’m in the opposite of a rut,” she laughs.

‘Fleece to Garment’

Willits artisan Robin Pilatti transforms fiber into beauty

By Jenna Tico, contributing writer

“The fiber thing has been weird,” Robin explains, eyes lighting up as she recalls her process. “I feel like I stepped into this other dimension where I’m supposed to be, but had no idea I was supposed to be there.... If I had known the details, I probably would have tried to make it something that it isn’t.”

Within minutes of chatting with Robin, the late summer heat beading on both of our foreheads, it became evident that her role in fiber arts stands apart from any other element of her life. “It’s like all the pieces of my life have primed me for what I’m doing right now,” she smiles, describing what keeps her engaged. Her introduction to fiber came from a radio show on KZYX called “Trading Time,” when she felt compelled to claim the 20 fleeces being offered ... though she’d never so much as touched one herself. Not long afterward, she met a friend who taught her to spin, foreshadowing the serendipity that has come to define her work ever since.

This lighthearted approach reveals itself in her catalog as well: or rather, her lack thereof. Though she often gets requests, Robin prefers to let the fiber dictate what it “wants

3 in Bolinas. When she ran out of cashmere and indigo Lincoln, what could have been a problem became an opportunity to experiment with white merino and Angora rabbit: reinforcing the inventiveness at the heart of her work.

“It’s the same way I cook,” she says, smiling. “I’m flying by the seat of my pants with this whole thing.”

Robin is passionate about the educational aspect to her work. “When it comes to kids, I just give them the supplies,” she says, describing her now-customary Willits Farmers Market spinning sessions. And not only children: coming together to spin has reconnected her with the importance of having a close-knit community of women. “There’s something empowering about sharing with women this old knowledge of taking something from the land, taking something from nature, and with your own hands turning it into something useful or artistic,” she said. “Just creating beauty.” And beauty, as she points out, is in the eye of each beholder ... male, female, or child. “Women will be interested in the finished garments or the yarn, kids like the

raw material, and the men like the machinery.

“There’s a little bit of something for everyone.”

And while she is comfortable in role of teacher, Robin is equally – if not more – excited to be a student. As a relative “youngster” in the world of spinning, she has gathered much of her knowledge from the local community. Every time she is given new material and a new way to treat it – whether by hand, drum carder, or the seven-foot-loom that doubles as art in her living room – Robin feels she is taking a leap of faith: working the fiber into whatever shape it wants to be, much in the way that we spin the stories of our lives: reimagining raw experience into something tangible, beautiful, and ultimately healing.

The transformative nature of this work was more apparent than ever when, four years ago, Robin’s second husband passed away, and as his family and friends gathered around to share stories during the last 24 hours of his life, Robin sat at her wheel – spinning every memory into a yarn that eventually became a masterpiece of a shawl.

Much later, a young woman came up and touched the shawl as it stood on display and, without a word, began crying. “She just knew,” Robin remembered, emotion rising through her voice. It is that kind of connection that motivates her sit down to spin, knowing that through the act of transmutation – often embracing discarded fleeces, and working on equipment made entirely of upcycled or recycled parts – we are transformed as well. And of course, the beautiful byproduct that comes off the wheel doesn’t hurt. “I love showing kids that you can take what was garbage, and with your own two hands and old equipment and no electricity, you can literally clothe yourself from head to toe.”

As we head into the cooler months, Robin expects business to stay consistent and, ultimately, she hopes to

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Above, left: Robin Pilatti spins at her wheel. Above center: A close up of Robin spinning. Skeins of her handmade yarn.
At right: An abundance of yarn in Robin’s arms.
Photos courtesy of Alycia Lang

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home
Happy Nova

Nova is a 5-month-old male mixed-breed puppy who currently weighs 29 pounds. Nova is a social, happy puppy who is the perfect age to be adopted and start training. He could be a large adult dog, so potential adopters should keep this in mind, as well as making sure that they have the time and energy to raise a baby because it takes both! endless love and giggles puppy kisses! Nova would love and reward is another dog or kids to play with in his forever home.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6 pm. We have many wonderful dogs and cats, awaiting their forever homes here. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets.com or visit our shelter during shelter hours. More info about adoptions: 467-6453.

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Friday, September 18

Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show: September 18, 19 and 20 at the Mendocino County Fairgrounds in Boonville. CCPRA Rodeos, Classic Car Show, Sheep Dog Trials, Entertainment, Carnival and Apple Tasting. Fun for the whole family. Visit www.mendocountyfair.com for full details.

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Saturday, September 19

Coastal Cleanup Day in Willits: California Coastal Cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 9 am to 12 pm, and volunteers in Willits will be cleaning up the creeks. All volunteers should arrive at City Hall between 8 and 9 am for registration and to choose which area or creek you wish to work on. The clean-up will be focused on the five creeks running through town and a few areas with significant trash build-up. The City of Willits will be providing trash bags, latex gloves and trash bag pickup. Please dress appropriately, with heavy gloves, boots, a hat and long pants. Bring a friend! More info: John Sherman at 459-7122.



Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show: See Friday, September 18 listing.

10th Annual Harvest Dinner: Saturday, September 19 at 6 pm, in the great hall of the Little Lake Grange, "Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres prior to dinner, all to benefit the Grange Farm School. The evening will include a rustic farm-fresh meal primarily grown, sourced and prepared by the Farm School team. Savory farm fresh pies, both vegetable and with pasture-raised chicken, will be main courses, accompanied by some delicious side dishes to be shared with friends and community. Each table will be sponsored by a local farm, and centerpiece baskets from each farm will be auctioned off. Please consider bringing a home-baked pie for the homemade pie auction. Join us for entertainment, music, laughter and food. Celebrate the incredible achievements of the Grange Farm School in its



Willits Spartans Soccer

Willits Spartans is a non-profit soccer club affiliated with U.S. Club Soccer. The goal of our program is to provide skill building and fundamental soccer training programs for younger children to help promote a love of the game.



Our first season of the Spartans program started in August, and we are super excited! For more information and applications to join, visit www.willitsspartans.org or find us on Facebook! more info call 707-841-6027. Jr. Spartans Academy: This program is geared towards players between the ages of 4 and 10, and is a fundraiser for our Spartans program. Spartans Academy will focus on skill building, sportsmanship, learning the rules of the game, and fun. The program runs Saturdays through October, and will be run by licensed coaches.

The cost is \$35 for the first player and \$30 for each additional player per family. This fee covers insurance, training, and academy T-shirt.

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Sunday, September 20

Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show: See Friday, September 18 listing.

Free Health Fair: to "Raise Awareness – in Body, Mind, Soul" is a set for Sunday, September 20 at The Muse, 30 San Francisco Avenue, from 10 am to 12 noon. Featuring presentations by local natural health practitioners from Laytonville, Willits and Ukiah: counselors, acupuncturists, naturopaths, massage therapists, consultants, herbalists, Reiki masters, energy therapists, movement therapists, family counselors, relationship

counselors and more. Also, free food offerings, and all practitioners are available for one-on-one Q&A time after the presentation. Special session discount offers will be given to all attendees; these special prices are valid through December 31, 2015. Presented by QLC (Quantum Level Consulting). Info: 707-485-2610.

Buddhist Discussion Meeting: Soka Gakkai Nichiren Buddhist discussion meeting, 1 pm at the Willits Public Library Conference Room, 390 East Commercial Street. Public Invited. Soka Gakkai Nichiren is a "UN recognized NGO, Society for the Creation of Value based on the Teachings of Nichiren Daishonin, spreading a culture of peace from one person to another throughout the world."

The Delbert Anderson Trio: jazz trio featuring Navajo horn player Delbert Anderson, Mike McCluhan on stand-up bass, and drummer Nicholas Lucero, plays the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane, on Sunday, September 20 at 2 pm. This Native American jazz trio, formed in the deserts of the Southwest, has

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performed at concerts throughout the United States and counts as its influences many greats from the jazz world. Advance tickets are \$15; tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The three jazzmen serve up a unique cutting edge form of modern funk and jazz combined with ancient indigenous melodies. Their first live album Manitou was released in March 2015 and includes the songs "Groove Warrior," "New York Navajo," and signature tracks like "Iron Horse Gallup." Advance tickets are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpaperickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Monday, September 21

Willits Dances of Universal Peace: meets in the Cultivate Wellness Studio (room 4) at the Little Lake Grange, from 7 to 9 pm. "Circle dances and chants drawn from global cross-cultural traditions to celebrate sacred mystery, Joyful and heart-opening. Easy to learn, live music." Info: 459-9085

Tuesday, September 22

"The Truth About Cancer": an 11-part video series presented over six Tuesdays, at 7 pm, starting September 22 and running through October 27, with a discussion the final evening. "28 doctors, 11 scientists, 9 survivors and 1 attorney break their silence and expose the truth about cancer, what causes it, conventional protocols, and the proven alternatives to prevent, treat and beat it 100 percent naturally. Don't miss any part of this important series. It may be lifesaving information for you or a loved one. Mark your calendar for all six evenings. Each information-packed episode builds on the knowledge gained from the last, ending with a finale of testimonials from those who have beaten cancer. Willits Environmental Center, 630 South Main Street. Suggested donation at the door. Refreshments for sale. • 459-4110.



Thursday, September 24

Forum on Families and Addiction: free educational forum: "How to Stop the Chaos and Restore Family Balance." 6:30 to 8:30 pm at

the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Sponsored by NAMI Mendocino County; conducted by Pat and Mardi Brown, authors of a book by the same name. With Q&A. "The authors will share their experiences and teach some of the skills they have found to be most effective, talking about focusing on what you can control (your environment and how to manage it in the face of addiction) and away from what you can't directly control (the actions and outcomes for the addict). This helps families regardless of whether the addicted person ever gets help, gets help and relapses, gets help and relapses many times, or gets help and stays clean and sober."



Pat and Mardi Brown

Friday, September 25

Shanachie Pub: Great Spirit Band. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, September 26

Laytonville Art Walk: the Fourth Annual Laytonville Art Walk is set for Saturday, September 26 from 10 am to 5 pm. "More than 50 fine artists and artisans will be showing their work in various media, throughout the town of Laytonville. There will be an incredible raffle including art from every participating artist. All of the proceeds will be used to support the arts for Laytonville youth! As always, there will be Live Music and Dance, a fabulous Kidz Zone with crafts for all ages, face painting by Jade, and so much more! The Laytonville Art Walk is fun for the whole family & a great time to do some early holiday shopping." Also featuring a Big Book Sale & Membership Drive by Friends of the Long Valley Public Library. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more info about the effort to have a library in Laytonville. Visit the official "Laytonville Art Walk" page on Facebook for more info.

Not JUST Cowboy Poetry: This annual event at Emandal, featuring the Fifth and Final Apple Pie Throwdown this year, takes place at Saturday, September 26. Starts at 2 pm, but come early to picnic, walk in the garden or swim in the Eel River. Musical headliner: Dave Stamey, singer songwriter extraordinaire, and Western Entertainer of the Year, many times over. This year is the last chance for pie-makers to win a coveted engraved rolling pin in the following categories: Most Creative; Westtable

Filling; Greatest Gluten-Free; Most Aesthetically Pleasing; Perfect Crust; Best All-Around; and People's Choice. Judges will be Cindy Savage from Willits Daily Bread; Erylne Schmidbauer, rancher/farmer and multiple award-winning pie maker; Patrick Pekin, candidate for Mendocino County judge, to replace retiring Judge David Nelson; and Bay Area food critic Stephanie Rosenbaum. No entry fee. The first 25 people to bring a pie to the show will get into the concert free! For more information, check out www.emandal.com.

Willits PraiseFest: the first of a series of family-friendly, encouraging and uplifting music events. 2 to 6 pm at the Agape Bible Church, 290 South Lenore Avenue. Live bands and worship teams playing Christian Rock, Contemporary, Gospel and Traditional praise music. Free admission. Bands to include: Eastern Horizon from Fort Bragg; Worship Live Band from Eureka; Agape Worship team from Willits; and others to be announced. These bands are all donating their time. A donation will be taken to help the victims of the Lake County fires. Snacks, beverages and food will be available for sale; catered by Scoops. Info: Ron Jacobs at 707-297-2270.

Shanachie Pub: House of Wrongs DJ Night. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Laytonville Youth Football: Home game against Calistoga. JV at 5:30 pm and varsity at 7:30 pm at Laytonville High School.

Sunday, September 27

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: every 4th Sunday from 8 to 11 am at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "Join your friends at the Grange Breakfast! With live music. \$7 buys you a plate of the best "scratch" pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around." Choose Sourdough Wholegrain or Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes, Beeler's Quality

Humboldt Hills Hoedown Folk, Bluegrass, and Harvest Jam

Saturday, September 26

Bluegrass, folk and Americana fans should mark their calendars for Saturday, September 26 for the 11th Annual Humboldt Hills Hoedown coming to the Mateel Community Center in Redway. Celebrating an 11th year of bluegrass, folk, country and Americana, the Hoedown will also feature a slew of vendors, a lively kid corral, lots of jamming opportunities, delicious BBQ, backwoods betting games, a cake walk and a grand old time for all.

Performers include: The Brothers Comatose, Hellbound Glory, The McCoy Tyler Band, Hot October, Caitlin Jemma & The Goodness, April Moore & Ranch Party, Eric Cornforth & Friends, Kindred Spirits, Back to the Hill and Lilith Song. Doors open at noon with music til midnight. For more information and tickets visit www.mateel.org.

Willits Kiwanis Club & WHS Football

Gun Raffle & Spaghetti Dinner

This fundraiser for the purchase of Willits High School football safety equipment is scheduled for Sunday, November 8, from 5 to 8 pm, but raffle tickets are on sale now. Guns for raffle – "a Remington 870 mag 12 gauge, Ruger American 243 cal., Ruger 10-22, and a 50 caliber Hawkins black powder – are sponsored by Pacific Outfitters. Raffle tickets are \$20 each, three for \$50, or seven for \$100. Winners will be drawn at the Spaghetti Dinner; need not be present to win. Dinner tickets are \$10, and dinners can be picked up to go. For tickets or more Info, call Matt Rountree at 707-841-7052 or Dean Verdort at 707-367-2603.

Reception for "Viva Kuba!"

Saturday, October 3

"Viva Kuba!," a photographic tour of western Cuba, at Brickhouse Coffee through October, with photos by June Ruckman and Jerry Albright, who spent 25 days in Western Cuba earlier year and will be sharing photos and stories at the show opening and artists reception, Saturday, October 3, from 6:30 to 9 pm. 3 South Main Street. Wines by Barra. Brickhouse Coffee hours: Monday through Friday, 6 am to 4 pm, and Saturday, 7 am to 4 pm. www.facebook.com/brickhousewillits.

– submitted by Madge Strong, WELL

John Carey Photographic Imagery

September show at Brickhouse Coffee
Photographer John Carey exhibits his photos at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, Willits. Through Wednesday, September 30.

10th Annual Harvest Dinner 2015

Saturday, September 19

The 10th Annual Willits Farm to Table Harvest Dinner is almost here! This locally grown organic dinner is extraordinary.

The very special and truly farm to table seasonal meal will be prepared by Farm School teachers and students, and features the most local and freshly harvested ingredients we have ever offered, all from farmers and gardeners who have generously donated their art to fill your plate.

Local wine offerings from Frey and Vin de Texas will bring you the best natural and organic wines our county can offer.

Food will be served right to your table, family style (no buffet line). Platters loaded with your favorite harvest recipes feature an entrée of savory Farmhouse Chicken Pie as well as a hearty vegetable version.

The chickens for the pies were raised at the Farm School, and locally prepared every step of the way. When was the last time you sampled some fresh "real local chicken"? Even the pie crusts and breads are made with locally grown heirloom wheat, ground fresh right at the Grange.

We have filled the menu out with an heirloom tomato platter, signature

salads, locally baked breads and side dishes. Of course, a delicious fruit dessert will finish it all off. Our own "Gleaner Apple Crisp," made from fruit picked just a few miles away – apples harvested at their ripest by The Grateful Gleaners, and baked in the Grange community kitchen. What could be more local and unique than that?

The goal is to enjoy a plate full of the best local, seasonal and delicious food imaginable.

(I want some of that!) Did you know that the Little Lake Grange served Harvest Dinner in 1965? That was Harvest Dinner No. 1, now come to No. 10!

We eat together with gratitude for all the abundance of this season.

The doors will open at 5:30 pm for the local wine bar and some starters. Music, fun and a colorful show about the Farm School will follow dinner. Seating is limited, so buy your advance tickets soon. Tickets \$35, available at J.D. Redhouse and the Willits Farmers Market.

– submitted by Annie Waters

Friends of the Long Valley Public Library Big Book Sale & Membership Drive

Saturday, September 26 in Laytonville

Calling all community-minded book and learning-lovers! Meet, greet and join the Friends of the Long Valley Public Library!

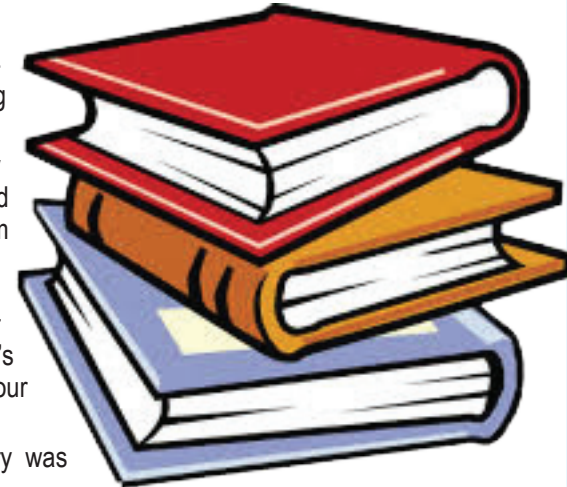
The Friends of the Long Valley Public Library in Laytonville will hold our first Book Sale and Membership Drive on Saturday, September 26, from 10 to 5 pm, on Highway 101 in front of Coastal Mountain Business Services and Westwood Real Estate. This incredible opportunity to support our library is being held in conjunction with Laytonville's wonderful Art Walk event. The Art Walk supports our Laytonville schools.

The Friends of the Long Valley Public Library was organized in order to establish a Mendocino County-affiliated library in Laytonville for public use. We have been meeting monthly since the fall of 2014 and are excitedly awaiting a decision by Mendocino County to move a retired bookmobile to its selected location in the parking lot adjacent to the former Laytonville High School, currently used for community activities.

The Friends have partnered with Laytonville Healthy Start/Harwood Memorial Park in order to be able to function as a non-profit charity under their auspices. We have also partnered with the Laytonville Unified School District to provide an appropriate setting for our public library.

The board of directors of the Friends of the Long Valley Public Library want you to know that we have books, audio tapes, some video tapes and DVDs for sale at our first annual Book Sale and Membership Drive on Saturday, September 26. Become a charter member-supporter of the Friends by signing up for membership this year! Currently we are accepting books, CD and DVD contributions until September 23. Thank you to all those awesome folks who have already contributed. For more information please call Kat at 984-6298 or Susan at 984-6070. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Sale and Art Walk September 26! Many thanks!

– Susan Bradley, for Friends of the Long Valley Public Library



Senior Center Lunch

Week of September 21 through September 25

Monday: Cod with Tartar Sauce and Wild Rice

Tuesday: Egg, Bacon & Potato Bake (Salad Bar)

Wednesday: Shrimp, Cream Pesto Salad

Thursday: Roast Pork (Salad Bar)

Friday: Birthday Lunch with Roast Turkey and Stuffing

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older. \$5.50 per meal; under 55 \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entrée, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Viva Kuba!
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New Roof BBQ: "The Willits United Methodist Church has a new roof! This major project was accomplished because of the hard work, dedication and generosity of many people in our community. To celebrate this accomplishment, and as a gift of thanks to all who helped, we are having a barbecue on Sunday, September 27 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the church, 286 School Street. We further invite the community to join us in worship at 10 am to say a prayer of thanks and dedication of our new roof. All are welcome."

"A Day at the Races" Kiwanis Club of Willits presents, at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. 1 to 4 pm. \$10 per person. Advance sale received \$10 race credit. Best Hat Contest, Wine Pull and Raffle items. w/Willits Junior Horsemen. Providing childcare in the kids area with food, entertainment and a bounce house, for \$10 per child. Call Tom: 707-841-8106 or Fawn: 707-354-1979.

"Local Investing: Here's How!": presentation by guest speaker John Kuhry of Economic Development & Finance Corporation (EDFC), a non-profit dedicated to promoting economic well-being in Mendocino and Lake counties, on a new local investing opportunity, a "Direct Public Offering" or DPO. The minimum investment in the DPO is \$1,000. The goal is to raise between \$250,000 and \$1 million, which will then be loaned at reasonable rates to enterprises that are good for the triple bottom-line: people, profit and planet (or employment, economy and environment). Learn more this afternoon, from 4 to 6 pm, at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Contact Kuhry at 467-5953 or info@edfc.org for more info or to get a copy of the "Offering Memorandum" for the DPO. More info on the event: Madge at mstrong@willitsonline.com.

Agape Bible Church hosts

Willits PraiseFest
Saturday September 26th
2pm to 6pm
270 South Lenore Ave., Willits

Family friendly, encouraging and uplifting music! Live bands and worship teams playing Christian Rock, Contemporary, Gospel and Traditional praise music.

ADMISSION IS FREE!
Snacks, beverages and Southern comfort food available for sale.

Bands included:
Eastern Horizon (Fort Bragg)
New Kingdom Messengers (Willits)
The Ambassadors (Eureka)
Agape Worship Team (Willits)

COLUMN | At the Movies



'American Ultra'

The Story: Consider this flick as an undisguised remake of "The Bourne Identity," with stoner moments right out of Francis and Chong. Though it is funny in parts, it is really a solid action flick.

My Thoughts: The first time I watched "American Ultra," I was impressed by the elements. Across the board, the acting was better than good, the peculiar script kept me curious, but the mixture of tones threw me off. The humor seemed at odds with the violence, and also with the main character's terribly sad and completely comprehensible identity crisis ... his pathos.

Then I watched "American Ultra" a second time. I liked the movie. No problems. None of my whining about contrasting emotional tones seemed accurate. Go figure. Also, I talked to a teenage friend who thought the movie "awesome."

Parents: Not a movie for kids, but teenagers, yeah, and for adults.

Note: Jesse Eisenberg is brilliant. Kristen Stewart partners well. I know what most of you are saying to yourselves, but you're wrong, Kristen Stewart was really, really good.

Note 2 for film geeks: The movie takes place in Liman, West Virginia. Doug Liman directed "The Bourne Identity."

Williston Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.



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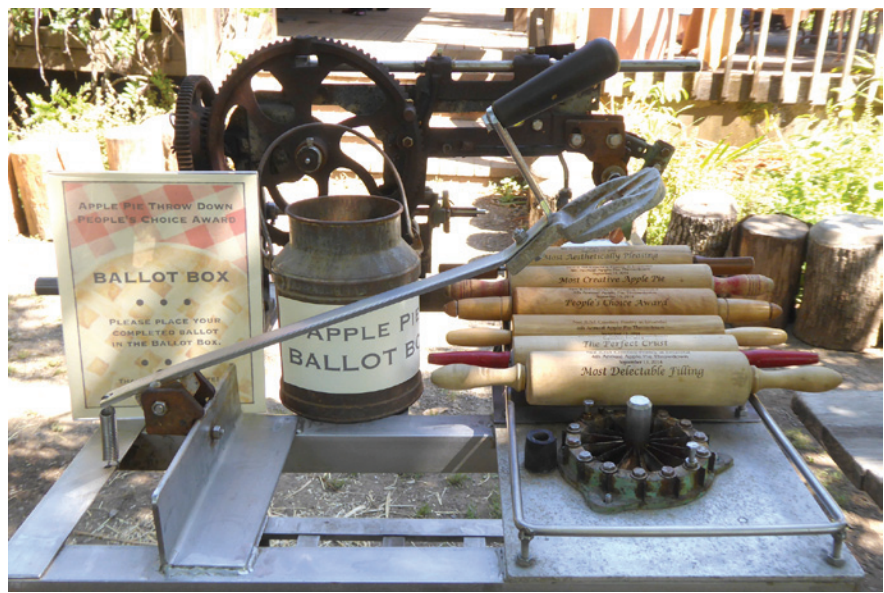
Above, left: One of the more creative 2014 pie entries.

Above, center: Fifth and Final Apple Pie Throwdown.

Above, right: Judges and winners from 2014, from left: Roberta Yokum, hostess Tam Adams, Tom Woodhouse, Jenny Watts, Lori Dorholt, Kathy Shuster, and Spring Senerchia and kids.

Right: Some serious pie tasters.

Below: Engraved rolling pins. Photos courtesy of Emandal



5th and Final Apple Pie Throwdown

To benefit Willits Library, Willits Daily Bread

In conjunction with Not JUST Cowboy Poetry, the Fifth and Final Apple Pie Throwdown at Emandal will take place Saturday, September 26 at 2 pm. Since judging will commence right at two o'clock, pie makers should have their pies available for review shortly before.

Pie categories this year are: Most Creative; Delectable Filling; Greatest Gluten-Free; Most Aesthetically Pleasing; Perfect Crust; Best All-Around; and People's Choice.

Although Tom Woodhouse, Jenny Watts, Lori Dorholt and Tom Allman did an exemplary job last year, we have an entirely new panel this year. Cindy Savage from Willits Daily Bread; Eryne Schmidbauer, rancher/farmer and multiple award-winning pie maker; Patrick Pekin, candidate for Mendocino County judge, to replace retiring Judge David Nelson; and Stephanie Rosenbaum, "smart, sassy, well-informed journalist, book author, blogger, editor, cook, and teacher.... One of the Bay Area's liveliest food & lifestyle writers." (Check out her web site at www.sjrosenbaum.com.)

Dave Stamey, an exceptionally talented songwriter and a stellar guitar virtuoso, as well as a gifted singer, will regale us with a concert of incredibly fine music, of the western genre (www.davestamey.com). Prior to his performance at 3 pm, there will be an open mic at 2 pm for both the spoken word and people with a musical penchant. Holly Madrigal will

serve as emcee. She and her husband, Gabe, will both be bringing pies for the throwdown!

Admittedly, last year we could have used more pies (the year before we had SO many!) This year, I know there won't be a shortage, 'cause my friend, Eulalia Hitchcock, winner of the All-Around Apple Pie Rolling Pin, will have a number in reserve. Everyone is guaranteed plenty of pie!

Our concerts of Not JUST Cowboy Poetry will continue indefinitely, but this will be the final Apple Pie Throwdown. It's been a wonderful crowd-pleaser, but I think we need to end with a flourish, rather than let it dribble away. Assuredly, something else will take its place.

A benefit for the Willits Library, as well as Willits Daily Bread, the Not JUST Cowboy Poetry event has room for everybody who wants to come. Tickets are \$25; \$10 for kids, whether you reserve them or not. Tickets can be purchased via e-mail: cowboypoe@emandal.com or at the Willits Public Library.

Willits Senior Center will have a silent auction, with oodles of fun stuff. Come as early as noon to picnic, swim (yes, there is still water in the Eel River), hike, or stroll through the organic vegetable garden. For more info, visit <http://emandal.com/events/cowboypoe>. For directions to Emandal, 16 miles northeast of Willits, visit: <http://emandal.com/contact#directions>.

Kudos and many thanks to our sponsors, so far: Sanhedrin Nursery, Yokum's Body Shop, John Ford Ranch, Alfred Kerr, DDS, Sparetime Supply, North Coast Plumbing and Heating, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, and Shuster's Transportation.

Tamara Adams
Contributing Writer

FAMILY PRACTICE



Beverly Draudt, FNP-BC | Family Nurse Practitioner

Beverly Draudt, FNP, a board-certified family nurse practitioner is joining John Glycer, MD, a family medicine physician at the Redwood Medical Clinic. As a family nurse practitioner, Ms. Draudt specializes in caring for patients of all ages, including, men, women and children. She has extensive experience in women's health, including annual wellness exams, treatment of common concerns associated with childbearing years and menopause, and health education.

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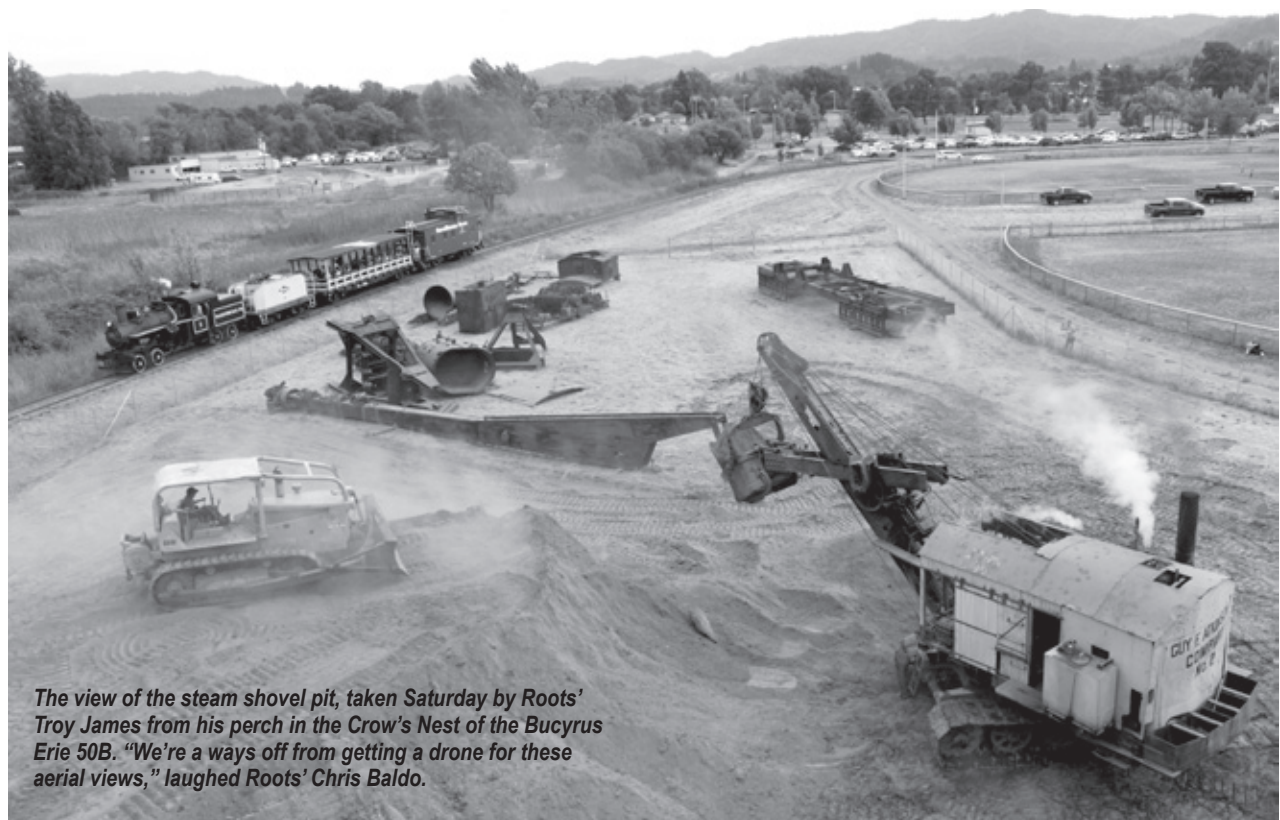
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Volunteers Wanted
Frank Howard Memorial Hospital is looking for positive members of the community to volunteer in various departments of the hospital. Hours: flexible and can include weekends. More info? Call 456-3245.

Volunteer Opportunities
The Willits Senior Center has many areas where your expertise and talents are needed. Front Desk, Thrift Store, Dining Room, Sunday Bingo, Sunday Breakfast, Special Dinners, Landscaping, Garden, Firewood. Come join our Team. Call Mariya at 707-459-6826.

Help Wanted
Adventist Health-Homemare & Hospice Services Mendocino County. FT - P/T - Per Diem positions: RN, Home Health Aide, Physical & Occupational Therapist. Great Team & Great Benefits. Call Trudy-H/R #456-3230.

Help Wanted
Willits Weekly is looking for additional freelancers to provide feature stories and community items: Photo skills are a must; experience with journalism is a plus, but not required. Are you interested in covering fun events and activities at the Willits schools? We'd especially love to talk to you. Call 459-2633 for more information, or send resume and/or clips to willitsweekly@gmail.com.



The view of the steam shovel pit, taken Saturday by Roots' Troy James from his perch in the Crow's Nest of the Bucyrus Erie 50B. "We're a ways off from getting a drone for these aerial views," laughed Roots' Chris Baldo.

The rest of Vandana

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posed the question: "Why would we fight GMOs if they produced better seeds?" Bringing the subject closer to home, Shiva described the visit George Bush, Sr., then vice-president under Ronald Reagan, made to Monsanto headquarters in 1987. It was a time of deregulation and — after hearing a presentation on the importance of genetic engineering, and how regulating the process would interfere with its production — Bush stated "Tell me what you want me to do." Shiva said that Monsanto has been writing our laws ever since. As a result, people in the U.S. have been eating more genetically modified food longer than in any other country, and have more health problems than any other country.

Despite the seriousness of her topic, Shiva exuded warmth and hope. She stated we can only reclaim our democracy and freedom as people organize and act on the local level. She mentioned several times that the work of the Charter Project group to obtain more home rule by getting an initiative on the ballot for Mendocino County to become a charter county is the type of action that's needed. She added for everyone that since the whole world is interconnected, it doesn't matter where you start to make the change. The important thing is to start.

The audience was energized and inspired by her presentation and, after it was over, great numbers of people lined up to sign petitions to put the charter on the June 2016 ballot.

The Charter Project of Mendocino County is just beginning its campaign to collect signatures. If you would like more information or want to volunteer to help, contact Mary Zellachild, 459-3963; maryzel@willitsonline.com or [MendocinoCountyCharter.org](http://www.MendocinoCountyCharter.org). An audio broadcast of Vandana Shiva's Willits talk may be accessed by computer at <http://www.kmccradio.org/a/21243> — the recording starts with music and introductions, and Shiva's speech starts about 23 minutes in.

The rest of Roots

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able to carve linoleum blocks and make letter-pressed prints on site. The printing ran both days this year, instead of just one day, as in 2014, and many new faces seemed impressed and excited to get such a hands-on experience with this creative printing method.

Roots will be also participating at the SFCB's Roadworks Steam Printing Festival.

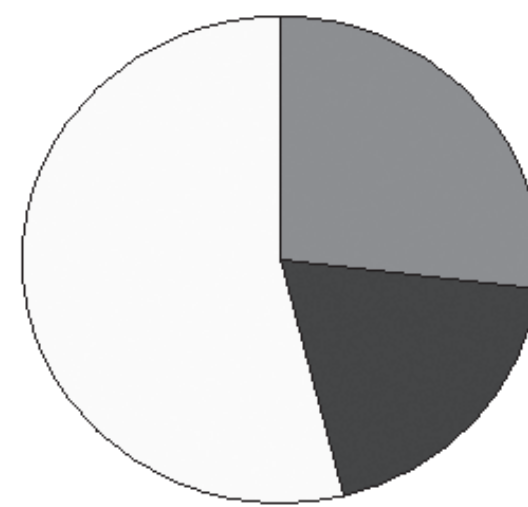
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was identified as the suspect. On September 8, at about 7:30 pm, WPD officers located Strong in the 1000 block of South Main Street and placed him under arrest. Strong was booked into the Mendocino County Jail on suspicion of arson.

Suspect: **Tyler Shively**, 29, Point Arena
Charges: 11550(a) HS, Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance; 148(a)

(1) PC, Resisting Arrest

On Wednesday, September 9, Willits Police officers responded to contact a subject who was causing a disturbance at the City Park by attempting to fight children, and who also reportedly spat on an adult. The responding officers contacted the subject, Tyler Shively, 29, Point Arena, and determined he was under the influence of a controlled substance. Upon arresting Shively and placing him into handcuffs, Shively began to fight the officers. Ultimately, Shively was secured in a patrol vehicle, at which point he attempted to kick out the rear window and, as a result, bent the patrol vehicle's window frame. Shively was booked into the Mendocino County Jail.



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Above, from left: Frank Robert Howard Richter and his wife, Wanda, pose with Richter's 1928 birth certificate.

Margie Handley and Col. Mike C. Howard smile from their seats.

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make fiber her full-time job. More than anything, Robin is excited to continue riding the wave: in contrast to her more "methodical" past, including many years as a nurse at Howard Hospital, she explains that fiber "is like playing music and improvising ... not reading the sheet music. When I just let go, it just happens, and it works."

If that means weaving a shawl from discarded chunks of fleece, excellent. If it means handing out raw fiber to children, watching as they balance it in their palms, electrified with potential – even better. "There's a newness to it all the time," Robin smiles, instinctively spinning her hair through her fingers as she speaks. "If we all did exactly the same thing, it'd be really boring."

Meet Robin Chapin Pilatti at Fibershed's "Grow Your Jeans" event in Bolinas on Saturday, October 3. Robin will be demonstrating spinning and selling her goods at this community celebration and benefit for Fibershed's programs that support regenerative agriculture and land-based regional economics. Visit <http://growyourjeans.org/> for more info.

For more information about Robin's business "Fleece to Garment," visit www.fleecetogarment.com.

Editor's Note: A longer version of this article was originally posted on the Fibershed website: www.fibershed.com/tag/robin-chapin-pilatti.



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have this tremendous hospital here."

"First of all," Bockmann said, "I would like to thank Adventist Health and Howard Foundation for coming together in 2010 with an agreement that allowed this hospital to be built here. What an amazing thing to bring those organizations together to create the vision of this amazing health and healing campus."

Bockmann gave a special shout-out to two special ladies: Howard Hospital Foundation's Margie Handley and construction project manager Amy Ford.

"Frank R. Howard Hospital has been a part of my family's fabric for 73 years," Margie Handley told the crowd, "from when my mother and her car served as an ambulance to transport injured people to the hospital from Branscomb, where we lived." Handley went on to talk about the history of the original hospital and the 15-year process of raising funds and planning to build the new hospital. She thanked Adventist Health "from the bottom of my heart" for making the decision to invest \$64 million for a new hospital in Willits which, she said, "will put Willits on the map as a destination for health care."



Above, left: HMH volunteers Rene and Marla greet visitors on tour. Right: Balloon animals made by Silly Willy and Silly Lilly were a delight for kids of all ages during the event. Below: Little Lake Fire Chief Carl Magann poses with wife, Claudia, and one of the HMH bears, dressed in the hospital's signature blue shirt.

"This isn't stopping here," she said, referring to the medical office buildings currently in progress, and the future plans for the rest of the medical campus, including a wellness center and swimming pool, which will join the Commonwealth Garden and Haehl Creek Trail as amenities. "My personal goal is to have the campus completed within four years," she said, "because I'll be 80, and I'm quitting!"

Bockmann presented Ford – "who came back to this community to help us build this hospital," he said – with a solid gold HMH logo pendant. "Because you're solid gold," he said.

The hospital was blessed by HMH Chaplain Dennis Long, who told the crowd he'd led a tour earlier that week of 30 clergy from all around Mendocino County who blessed each room: "It took us 2.5 hours," he said. Sherwood Valley Tribe elder Sterling Wright, dressed in Pomo ceremonial attire, turned to face each direction, while drumming and calling out in his native language: "I just called the spirits from the sky to bless this hospital." Sterling told the crowd, when he was finished. "And every time you walk in the door you're going to feel it."

One guest unexpected by the crowd got a warm welcome: Frank Robert Howard Richter, 87, who was the first baby born in the original Howard Memorial Hospital in 1928. "It's an honor to be here," Richter told Willits Weekly. "I wouldn't have missed it for anything." He explained that his parents gave him his name because Charles Howard had said that if the first baby boy born in the hospital took the name of his son, Frank R. Howard, all maternity care would be free. Richter's doctor was Dr. Raymond Babcock, whose statue will soon be erected at the new hospital, along with another statue of "Frankie and the Puppies," the subject of a painting most visitors to HMH are familiar with, to join the just-installed statue of Seabiscuit at the new hospital site.

"My hat is off to you," Col. Michael Howard, Charles Howard's great-grandson told the crowd, after telling stories about the founding of the hospital. "It's been 100 years, and we know, with Amy's construction abilities, we'll get 100 more."

The new Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital – along with the Hospital Auxiliary gift shop and the Roots organic farm-to-fork restaurant – hopes to open in mid-October.



Above, left: As the ribbon is cut by Howard Hospital CEO Rick Bockmann, the crowd gives its loudest cheers and applause of the day. Above: Suzanne Picetti, curator of the new hospital's art collection, and Ananda Johnson of the Howard Hospital Foundation show off produce from the Commonwealth Garden.

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Above: Handshakes all around.

At right: Col. Michael C. Howard, great-grandson of hospital founder Charles S. Howard, stands next to the new Seabiscuit monument, created by artist Stan Watts of Atlas Bronze Casting.

Below, left: Group 45 of 79 who toured the hospital during the Grand Open House on Sunday. Below, right: Edie Ceccarelli, 107, stood for applause after being introduced by Willits City Mayor Bruce Burton during the ceremony.

At bottom, left: The U.S. Coast Guard helicopter landed just after 1 pm, kicking off the Grand Open House. Bottom, right: Sterling Wright of the Sherwood Valley Tribe performed a blessing before the tours started.



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Below: Jan Smith, Little Lake Fire Chief Carl Magann, Margie Handley and HMH Chaplain Dennis Long, pose with the plaque noting the helipad's dedication to the late Little Lake Fire Chief Jeff Smith.

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At top, from left: Vice president of the Senior Center board of directors, Gary Mann, bought dinner for five. This Senior Center supporter came down from Covelo for dinner. Customer Fran Appling Gardner and volunteer Joe Vaccaro. Senior Center board member Cathy Neff.

Above: BBQ dinner volunteers: In back, from left: Verd, Joe Vaccaro, Allyn Nonneman, Kacy Thomas, Glen Helton, Dorothy Roediger and Jeff Judson. In front: Virginia George, Beverly Vaccaro, Sue Sawyers, Bev Galton and Ryann Roediger.

At right: A car-load of young people buys BBQ dinner to support the Senior Center. Far right: Alex Carlon and his dinner for two.

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Russell said in his request: "I have complied with Officer [John] Sherman's request to clean the lot and have further interest in better landscaping in the near future. The lot is for sale, but with the pending lien it will be difficult to move forward."

Acknowledging Russell was not at fault for the disrepair of the lot, the city council voted 3-0 to remove the lien in full. Mayor Bruce Burton and Councilmember Madge Strong were both absent.

In other business, the city council passed a resolution for construction of the Humboldt Street rehabilitation project, as the work on that road has been completed.

The Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for January through June of 2016 was passed by the council, as well as the administrative budget of \$50,000 for the same period.

New business licenses were granted to the following businesses:

Swamikropa 1986 Inc., owner: Trikamal Patel, gas station.

Rascal's Rescue, owner: Misty Gonzales, non-profit animal care fundraising.

Sally Pringle Massage, owner: Sally Pringle, massage therapy.

Collicott Construction, owner: Nat Collicott, building contractor.

Mission Linen Supply, owner: Linda Page, linen & uniform service.

The Village Sign Maker, owner: Ryan Allen, sign production and installation.

Garden Rebels Optimal Wholesale, owner: Shelby Chase and Andre Maas, garden supply sales.

The following building and construction permits were completed:

New restaurant in existing store, 65 South Main Street, \$20,000.

Trellis patio cover on Haehl Creek Drive, \$10,000.

Replace grill and hood in existing restaurant at 235 South Main Street, \$28,500.

Replace residential foundation on North Street, \$25,000.

The following projects were completed:

Replace siding as necessary, South Main Street, \$2,500.

Tear-off, re-roof, garage, Redwood Avenue, \$2,000.

Overlay re-roof, Franklin Avenue, \$14,000.

Construct new 180 SFD, on Haehl Creek Court, \$257,920.

The City of Willits Building Inspection Activity Report was released for July 2015. Comparisons from this month last year to July of this year are as follows:

Valuation this month: \$113,000. Same month last year: \$484,250. Revenue this month: \$2,931.65. Same month last year: \$7,365.25. Permits this month: 12. Same month last year: 20.

The totals to date this fiscal year: Construction valuation: \$2,328,920. Fees collected: \$21,373.02. Number of permits: 28.

Totals to same date last year: Construction valuation: \$565,000. Fees collected: \$9,335.72. Number of permits: 36.

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with Ordinance 4140, the county executive officer "is responsible for running the day-to-day business of the county, including oversight of county staff." The role of the board of supervisors is to "develop policy and legislation to guide the work," while the "CEO and delegated staff ... executes the plans."

"An individual board member does not hold legislative or executive powers on his or her own," Brown emphasized. That power "derives from the collective board of supervisors." An individual supervisor "does not have the power to make unilateral decisions or actions on behalf of the board."

It is "very important all ... board members provide the CEO with the level of deference appropriate under Ordinance 4140," Brown wrote. Which means if, "as a board, we want to request information or ensure that staff is meeting its obligations, we must work through the CEO's office directly, and not try to work around the CEO or the department heads."

Brown did note supervisors could "always speak directly with elected department heads," but cautioned that board members "are usually best served by ... coordinating our contact with elected department heads through the CEO's office."

The chairwoman stressed: "It is inappropriate for a member of the board to contact non-supervisory staff directly to inquire about the nature of his or her work projects." Such contact, Brown wrote, is "problematic because, first and foremost, the meeting distracts the staff member from his or her job duties." And, she added, staff members who are contacted "will likely feel compelled to meet with [the] member of the board of supervisors who seeks the meeting, even if the staff member is uncomfortable with the subject matter or the timing of the meeting."

And, Brown warned, "if a staff member were to report feeling singled out, harassed, on the basis of a protected status like sex or age, the county would be at risk for liability based on the individual member's conduct."

A close look at County Ordinance 4140 arrogates to the CEO the responsibility of dealing with county government staff. Part of the duties and responsibilities of the CEO, the ordinance states, includes evaluating department organizations "on a continuous basis, subject to the limitations of state law or the directives of the board of supervisors."

The CEO also will "appoint, transfer, discipline, suspend or dismiss, as appropriate, any non-elected department head who is not required to be appointed by the board of supervisors," and will "meet on a regular basis with each department head for the purpose of communicating county policy and issues."

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The other says: "Except for requests that a time be agendaized for board consideration and action, nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed as restricting the ability of county officers or department heads from contacting board members directly."

Contacted by Willits Weekly, Woodhouse confirmed the July 25 meeting took place with himself, Brown and Supervisor Dan Gjerde present. He added he has a great deal of respect for Brown. "She's doing a wonderful job as chair and has gone out of her way to help me and to make me feel welcome."

County of Mendocino has opened shelter at fairgrounds for Lake County evacuees

Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency's Disaster Response Team continues to operate the emergency evacuation shelter located at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds located at 1055 North State Street in Ukiah to assist evacuees displaced from the Lake County Valley Fire.

The shelter is available to provide assistance and will continue to have water, beds and food available (as well as accommodations for animals, including large livestock and/or an area dedicated for cats and dogs).

The donations from the community so far have been extraordinary; however, this evacuation center does not accept donations due to the volume and need to care for those displaced. Monetary donations are needed and can be made through the Red Cross (www.RedCross.org), and is the recommended means of contributing to the disaster relief effort at this time. We are not aware of the continued need for items such as bedding, clothing, etc. By making a charitable donation to the Red Cross, assistance can be provided to those facing this catastrophic emergency and can help them as they rebuild their lives. Donations can also be made through the agencies contained in the public listing at www.lovelakecounty.org which contains the most up-to-date list of donation centers.

Details regarding the fire and shelter locations can be obtained from:

Lake County Office of Emergency Services: www.Facebook.com/LakeCountyOES

CallFire: http://caldata.fire.ca.gov/incidents/incidents_details_info?incident_id=1226

Mendocino County continues coordinating the shelter effort with Lake County Office of Emergency Services. The Lake County OES has a pre-recorded information line set up at 707-263-8274.

— submitted September 14 by the Mendocino County Executive Office

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for market." After finishing his 16-month sentence, the DA's Office expects Flores to be turned over to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for deportation to Mexico.

Flores' co-defendant, Refugio Perez Hernandez, will be sentenced September 18.

The two men were arrested following investigation by COMMET (County of Mendocino Marijuana Eradication Team), the Sheriff's Office marijuana eradication team, the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

This report was based on a September 4, 2015 post on the Mendocino County District Attorney's Facebook page.

Results of 2015 school testing

How to read this table: Local scores are in numbers without parentheses; state average scores are in parentheses. Each school is given scores in four categories: standards are not met, standards are nearly met, standards are met, and standards are exceeded. See accompanying article on page 1 for definitions of each of these four categories.

School	English/Literacy	Math	Science	History
Blosser Lane Elementary School	Third Grade not met 60 (36) nearly met 21 (26) met 13 (20) exceeded 4 (18)	Third Grade 62 (33) 21 (27) 14 (26) 3 (14)		
Baechtel Grove Middle School	Fourth Grade not met 53 (39) nearly met 27 (21) met 13 (21) exceeded 8 (19)	Fourth Grade 47 (31) 31 (35) 21 (22) 2 (13)		
Baechtel Grove Middle School	Fifth Grade not met 50 (34) nearly met 25 (21) met 23 (27) exceeded 2 (17)	Fifth Grade 46 (41) 34 (29) 16 (15) 3 (15)		
Baechtel Grove Middle School	Sixth Grade not met 44 (28) nearly met 31 (29) met 22 (30) exceeded 4 (13)	Sixth Grade 45 (36) 39 (31) 9 (18) 7 (15)		
Baechtel Grove Middle School	Seventh Grade not met 47 (31) nearly met 33 (25) met 17 (32) exceeded 2 (12)	Seventh Grade 46 (37) 42 (29) 10 (19) 2 (15)		
Baechtel Grove Middle School	Eighth Grade not met 30 (26) nearly met 39 (29) met 27 (33) exceeded 5 (12)	Eighth Grade 51 (41) 27 (26) 19 (17) 4 (16)		
Sherwood School	Seventh Grade not met 76 (31) nearly met 12 (25) met 12 (32) exceeded 0 (12)	Seventh Grade 44 (37) 40 (29) 16 (19) 0 (15)		
Sherwood School	Eighth Grade not met 48 (26) nearly met 33 (29) met 19 (33) exceeded 0 (12)	Eighth Grade 67 (41) 14 (26) 19 (17) 0 (16)		
Willits Elementary Charter School	Eleventh Grade not met 8 (20) nearly met 33 (24) met 50 (33) exceeded 8 (23)	Eleventh Grade 55 (45) 18 (25) 27 (18) 0 (11)		
Willits Elementary Charter School	Twelfth Grade not met 33 (20) nearly met 34 (24) met 28 (33) exceeded 5 (23)	Twelfth Grade 67 (45) 17 (25) 12 (18) 3 (11)		
Willits High School	Eleventh Grade not met 33 (20) nearly met 34 (24) met 28 (33) exceeded 5 (23)	Eleventh Grade 67 (45) 17 (25) 12 (18) 3 (11)		
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